**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**Docket Number (Optional)  
W0009/7000P5

Application Number 10/654,330

Filed September 3, 2003

For **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF FLUID STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Art Unit 2863

Examiner Demetrius R. Pretlow

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

|                                                                   | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$110      | \$55                    | \$55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))           | \$420      | \$210                   | \$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))         | \$950      | \$475                   | \$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))          | \$1480     | \$740                   | \$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))          | \$2010     | \$1005                  | \$   |

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1721. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71
- Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 48,680
- ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
- Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). \_\_\_\_\_

Robert P. Smith  
Signature

Robert P. Smith  
Typed or printed name

Nov. 1, 2004  
Date

617-261-3100  
Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

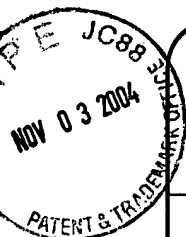
☒ Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

55

## Complete if Known

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Application Number   | 10/654,330           |
| Filing Date          | September 3, 2003    |
| First Named Inventor | Warren F. Rogers     |
| Examiner Name        | Demetrius R. Pretlow |
| Art Unit             | 2863                 |
| Attorney Docket No.  | W0009/7000P5         |

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☒ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number

50-1721

Deposit Account Name

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments  
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 770      | 2001         | 385      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002         | 340      | 2002         | 170      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003         | 530      | 2003         | 265      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004         | 770      | 2004         | 385      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1)

(\$ 0)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

|                    |  |        | Extra Claims |   | Fee from below |  | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--|--------|--------------|---|----------------|--|----------|
| Total Claims       |  | -20 ** | =            | 0 | X              |  | = 0      |
| Independent Claims |  | -3 **  | =            | 0 | X              |  | = 0      |
| Multiple Dependent |  |        |              |   | X              |  | = 0      |

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description                                            |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                                                            |
| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2)

(\$ 0)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description                                                            | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                                                                            |          |
| 1051         | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath                                        |          |
| 1052         | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |          |
| 1053         | 130      | 1053         | 130      | Non-English specification                                                  |          |
| 1812         | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 1804         | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805         | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251         | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     | 55       |
| 1252         | 420      | 2252         | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253         | 950      | 2253         | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254         | 1,480    | 2254         | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255         | 2,010    | 2255         | 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401         | 330      | 2401         | 165      | Notice of Appeal                                                           |          |
| 1402         | 330      | 2402         | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403         | 290      | 2403         | 145      | Request for oral hearing                                                   |          |
| 1451         | 1,510    | 1451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452         | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable                                           |          |
| 1453         | 1,330    | 2453         | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional                                         |          |
| 1501         | 1,330    | 2501         | 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)                                             |          |
| 1502         | 480      | 2502         | 240      | Design issue fee                                                           |          |
| 1503         | 640      | 2503         | 320      | Plant issue fee                                                            |          |
| 1460         | 130      | 1460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner                                              |          |
| 1807         | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)                                       |          |
| 1806         | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021         | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809         | 770      | 2809         | 385      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810         | 770      | 2810         | 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 1801         | 770      | 2801         | 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802         | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 55)

## SUBMITTED BY

## Complete (if applicable)

|                   |                        |                                   |              |           |              |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | Robert P. Smith        | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 48,680       | Telephone | 617-261-3100 |
| Signature         | <i>Robert P. Smith</i> | Date                              | Nov. 1, 2004 |           |              |

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